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## SECRETARIA DI STATO

Di  
SUA SANTITA

April 27, 1944.

Dear Father Maher:

The very thoughtful and generous offering of \$500.00 in favor of the poor of Rome, which you forwarded last August, has recently reached the Vatican through the kindness of the Apostolic Delegate.

The Holy Father has now entrusted to me the pleasing duty of conveying to you the expression of His paternal gratitude for this gift, and of His appreciation of the filial sentiments which prompted you in making it.

Your fraternal charity towards His hardly tried children in Rome, has given much consolation to the heart of the Holy Father. In these times of so much sorrow and anxiety for the Holy Father, this generous cooperation of the members of your illustrious Order in America brings to the Pontiff no small measure of real paternal satisfaction.

While thanking you and all under your care, the Holy Father asks you to continue your petitions to the divine Mercy for the cessation of hostilities and for a true and lasting peace among the nations.

As a token of His benevolent gratitude, He lovingly bestows on you and your confreres in America, his paternal Apostolic Benediction.

Assuring you of my high esteem, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
L. CARD. MAGLIONE.

THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATION  
Washington, D. C.

May 15, 1944.

Very Reverend and dear Father Maher:

In reply to your esteemed letter of May 2nd, I am pleased to assure you that I shall gladly forward to our Holy Father the generous check of \$15,000.00 which you sent me as an offering from the Jesuit Schools in the United States for the relief work of His Holiness. Allow me to express in advance the deep appreciation of the Sovereign Pontiff for this eloquent manifestation of de-

voted loyalty and affection. I know that he will be profoundly grateful, and it will be my pleasure to transmit to you in due time the letter in which he will thank you through His Cardinal Secretary of State.

With sentiments of esteem and with every best wish, I remain,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

A. G. CICOGNANI  
Archbishop of Laodicea,  
Apostolic Delegate.

## SAN FRANCISCO

During 1943-44 the high school contributed \$1076.18 to the Missions. Of this: \$374.78 was for student membership in Propagation of the Faith: \$165.50 for Jesuit Missions subscriptions for each student; \$524.83 for Procurator of China Mission.

The Civil Air Patrol has headquarters on the University campus. It is a courtesy service which will acquaint the members with the University.

Joseph Sullivan, a former student, and now a Major General in Italy, has received high military decorations.

June 25. Fr. Harney received his Ph.D. from California.

Aug. 15. Fr. Rossi pronounced his final vows.

Over \$600 in pamphlets has been spent on the racks in church, high school and college.

The University has qualified under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act to give college training to veterans.

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Fr. Jos. O'Brien taught Canon Law; Fr. Werts, Moral Theology.

Every Friday, spiritual conferences were given to several hundred nuns.

There are 51 gold stars on the service flag.

Frs. Paul O'Brien, Albert O'Hara and Gustav Voss are to teach in the Oriental Institute.

### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

During the past year the Alumni Association increased 224% in paid members.

July 10. Summer term opened with 26 boarders, 49 day students. There are also 65 in Law, and about 20 at the Night School.

The University purchased the Law School building on Grand Avenue, when our lease expired at the end of August.

Fr. White gave a mission at the Church of Christ the King, San Diego.

Loyola's men in the service visit the campus, and write about 200 letters a month to the faculty.

Col. Wm. Scully is Chief Judge Advocate for Gen. Isenhower's 8th Army.

Lt. Anthony Quigley, USNR, (Silver Star), has for six months been in charge of the Navy training program at Miami.

Lt. Wm. Smith is chief test pilot for the Navy flying base of 15,000 men at Ottumwa, Iowa.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Dessert is on Gen. Doolittle's staff.

Fr. Vaughan arbitrated strikes at the Douglas and North American Aircraft plants.

Fr. Gerald Moschel, class of '38, was ordained a secular priest.

### LOYOLA HIGH

July 15. Fr. Belanger died at the Queen of Angels Hospital. Nine days before he had suffered from a heart attack.

June 4. Graduation Exercises at the Blessed Sacrament Church for a class of 130.

July 2. Fr. Benecke attended the reception held by the Gold Cross Mothers for his son, the newly ordained Fr. Carl Benecke.

July 25. Memorial Mass in the domestic chapel for Capt. Patrick Leonard, U.S.M.C., killed in action on Saipan. He is the brother of Mr. Robert Leonard, S.J.

Aug. 14. Memorial Mass attended by all the Gold Cross Mothers for Fr. Donnelly's mother.

The registrar's office has been enlarged. Two large classrooms on the third floor have been divided into three to meet the increased student body. A new brick building 80x24 feet has replaced the old wooden shower and dressing room.

Since the Archbishop has requested that more boys be taken, plans have been made to use the small house on Dewey Street to accommodate more students. 555 took the entrance examination.

Aug. 28. Registration Week. Classes

resume on Sept. 5.

### LOS GATOS

June 12. Fr. Laherty visited the Villa for the first time in over 25 years. His Golden Jubilee brought us this happiness.

June 26. Entrance of Br. Mueller, a Coadjutor Postulant.

July 3-Aug. 14. Juniorate Summer School. Fr. Kelleher taught Latin; Mr. Hackett, Latin and Greek; Mr. Shaules, Latin; Mr. Belval, French; Fr. Doerge, German. Frs. Callahan, H. Corcoran, Hauck and J. McGloin, and Mr. Smyth studied German.

During July, Fr. Thomas O'Rourke was acting Minister.

July 15. Mr. Hogan, a Scholastic Novice, arrived from Cincinnati.

Aug. 6. Fr. Benecke's son, Fr. Carl Benecke, sang a Solemn High Mass.

Aug. 15. Last Vows of Brs. Meyers, Muscat and Walsh, First Vows of Brs. E. L. Burke, Devlin, Duggan, Elliott, Garcia, Gray, Harkin, Herzberg, Hilsdale, LoSchiavo, Mahoney, Prussing and Wright.

Aug. 20. First Vows of Br. E. T. Burke.

Twenty-one Juniors let for Mt. St. Michael's.

Work has been completed on the new Della Strada Shrine. Much more substantial than the previous shrine of redwood logs, it is built in early California style, of adobe bricks.

During the summer, Fr. Silva took sacred oratory courses at the Catholic University.

### BELLARMINE PREP

**Renovations.** A new social hall in the gymnasium; an enlargement of the students' chapel; rooms refinished in Kostka Hall and showers installed; ground cleared for new baseball fields and tennis courts. The old tennis courts have been cleared away.

Fr. Toner, while supplying in San Mateo, read to the congregation the announcement that Serra High, a Catholic High for boys, will be opened in San Mateo this Fall. This school will claim some of the commuters; even so, a record enrollment is expected at Bellarmine.

Fr. Lennon is Minister; Fr. Rooney, Prefect of Discipline; Fr. Charles Leahy, Spiritual Adviser for the Juniors and Seniors. He will continue to reside at Santa Clara.

Kostka Hall accommodates about 130 boarders and 7 Scholastics.

Aug. 14. Five Bellarmine boys entered Los Gatos; three Juniors, two



Seniors.

Mr. Edwin McDermott accompanied three Bellarmine delegates to the Chicago SSCA. Both the Junior and Senior Sodalities raised funds to send a delegate to the convention.

SANTA CLARA

Aug. 17. Classes resumed with a student body of approximately the same size as last year, when 107 began the fall semester. The boarders are housed in O'Connor Hall instead of in Kenna Hall.

During the summer, Fr. Schmidt supplied at Phoenix; Fr. O'Connell, at Monterey; Fr. Shepherd, at Lemoore; others at Mt. View, Cupertino, Saratoga, and San Jose. Fr. Shipsey taught in U.S.F. Summer School.

Fr. Tobin is Auxiliary Chaplain at Moffett Field.

At Stanford: Fr. Kropp is working toward a doctorate in Greek; Fr. Pociask towards an M.A. in English; Fr. D. Harrington is doing special work in Political Science; and Fr. Tobin, in Economics.

In early August, 35 out of 41 of former Santa Clara R.O.T.C. students of the class of '44, received their commissions at Fort Sill. Four more of this group will be commissioned later.

Fr. Joseph Egan, Rector of Loyola University, Chicago, is visiting at Santa Clara.

Fr. McCann gave the July Retreat, made by 7 Priests, 54 Scholastics, 14 Brothers. A Teachers' Institute followed the Retreat.

Aug. 6. Frs. Roccati and Biagini were honored by a Jubilee Dinner in the Students' Dining Room.

Aug. 15. Br. Daniel McIntosh pronounced his Final Vows.

There are 1745 Santa Clara Alumni in the Service; 40 have made the supreme sacrifice. The latest deaths announced are those of Capt. Pat Leonard, '42, brother of Mr. Leonard, S.J.; Lt. D'Arcy A. Purdy, '40; Lt. John N. Cumming, '41; all killed in action in the Pacific. Ensign John J. Tuohy, '44, was killed in an aircraft accident in Florida.

Wm. J. Adams, Jr., B.M.E. '37, has made a major contribution to the war effort by designing the gun turrets on the new B-29 Super-Fortress.

The San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce is planning a suitable memorial to John Joseph Montgomery, one time professor of mathematics and physics at Santa Clara, for whom many claim the honor of having made the

first flight by man. His home-made plane was first launched in 1883 from an Otay Valley hillside, near San Diego.

SANTA BARBARA

Fr. William Ryan's First Solemn Mass started with a procession of little angels and pages, and a vested choir.

Service men are breakfasted after the Masses on Sunday.

The vacation school, taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame, and directed by Fr. Sheerin, broke the record for attendance.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Wilfred Crowley flew west for a brief furlough. His time was short, and the distance was great; airline travel was the only possible way to make the trip.

Fr. Carr has been Senior Chaplain. At last writing he was moving to a new area.

Fr. Deasy arranged for a big Mission for his outfit, in preparation for showing off. The Division General approved the big outdoor Mass.

Fr. Copeland drove into Rome with his car decorated with flowers. He said Mass at St. Peter's and at the Gesu. He gave out generous alms to the poor. He had two helmets full of rosaries blessed by the Holy Father for men who could not come. He attended the Roman funeral Mass of Archbishop Hanna.

Fr. McGrorey was subdeacon in Rome at the funeral Mass of Archbishop Hanna. Fr. McGrorey had three interviews with the Holy Father; said Mass twice in the Vatican, also at the Gesu. Had an interview with Fr. Copeland.

Fr. McMahon pronounced his Last Vows at Williamsburg, Virginia. A fellow chaplain, Fr. Paul J. Murphy, S.J. (N.E.), received the vows in the Chapel of the Bl. Sacrament, College of William and Mary. Fr. McMahon has been doing "field work" at one of the Navy Air Fields.

Fr. Kavanagh has organized a Holy Name Society among some of his men. They meet once a week, and go to Communion every other Sunday. For Corpus Christi, he arranged a Sol. High Military Mass. The deacon and subdeacon wore cassocks and stole and maniple only. The censor was home-made out of a 37 mm. shell. Charcoal and incense were flown in from "Somewhere in the South Pacific." The proper of the Mass was not in the book, it was translated into Latin from some

Seabee's prayerbook. There was all day exposition of the Bl. Sacrament. The monstrance, homemade out a 90 mm. shell, was a beautiful piece of work. Fr. Honde, a Benedictine, trained and directed the choir, which sang the Missa de Angelis and the proper. Several hundred men attended.

Fr. Corbett was kept waiting so long for his commission that he had to take his physical over again. Perhaps it was all providential, as his father died July 29, and Fr. Corbett had the comfort of attending and burying him. His commission, dated July 25, gave him time for all this before reporting at Fort Devens, Mass. He is O-557812.

Fr. Lynch received his commission as an Army Chaplain, and has gone to Fort Devens, Mass.

Fr. Bradstreet has been working for the casualties from Normandy.

Fr. Clark was near Rome in his last letter, hoping soon to enter.

Fr. Gaffney is in West Africa. (The Military Censor does not allow us to publish the full addresses).

Fr. O'Mara spent some time with Fr. Kelly at his place of operation. He returned to England and gave a big Mission to the soldiers.

Fr. Kilp is at Camp Bowie, Texas, where he has 1600 Catholics to take care of.

Fr. Stretch is in New Guinea with an executive assignment. He places the chaplains where they are most needed. He celebrated St. Ignatius Day with one of the regiments, when 20 priests, Dominican, Maryknoll, Jesuit, Secular, honored the occasion.

#### VARIA

Fr. Stack gave two of the Ladies' Retreats at Maryknoll. This year 400 applications were received by the Sisters to make the Summer retreats. They could accommodate in nine retreats only 270. The archdiocese is preparing to take the work over, and open a house somewhere else, as the Maryknoll Sisters would not want to have retreat work all through the year.

At mid-term, El Retiro reports 1298 men as having made a retreat. Of these 150 were Service Men, 80 of them being non-Catholics. At the Insurance Dinner of 100 men, Fr. Gruye was the principal speaker.

Fr. John Kidykas gave a Lithuanian Mission, Aug. 5-Sept. 3, at 2511 Third Avenue, Los Angeles.

Transportation difficulties hindered several from getting to West Baden for the ISO meeting. Those present: Alma,

Fr. Huesman; Los Angeles, Frs. Connolly and McCumiskey; Los Gatos, Frs. Burma and St. Sure; Phoenix, Fr. Hesser; San Francisco, Fr. Feely; New York, etc., Frs. Graham, Martin, Odou, Lucy, McIntosh, J. O'Farrell.

Fr. Graham is to be part-time in New York and part-time in St. Louis, where the ISO desires his occasional help.

Fr. Dan McGloin took a refresher course at Lake Joseph in the Muskoka region.

Aug. 6. Fr. Bassett was installed as pastor of St. Mary's. Fr. Franchi is his assistant. Fr. Busch went to Santa Barbara. Fr. Fabris replaced Fr. Bassett at San Bernardino. Fr. Want also went to work in the San Diego diocese.

Fr. Madigan had 42 children make their First Communion on Pentecost Sunday. He has moreover been obliged to add a second addition to the church building. After the first addition, one of the parishioners complained that "she did not have even room to open her prayer book." The new addition cost \$1100 and doubles the capacity of the building. In July the Bishop came for the First Communion and the Sodality reception, and to dedicate the addition to the building. In the procession 30 altar boys accompanied the Bishop. At the end of the services, Fr. Madigan announced the balance of the \$1100 still due. It was generously subscribed before the morning ended.

Fr. Daze has paid off \$20,000 of the debt and brought it down to \$12,000. Every Saturday a brief article explaining the Catholic Faith is printed in the Phoenix daily paper which reaches some 150,000 in all parts of Arizona. An active Inquiry Class for Catholics meets every Monday. Instruction for non-Catholics is going on all the time. There are 500 extra Communions a week. 75 made their First Communion.

Fr. Hubbard took "Snow White" and "The Song of Bernardette" and other such films with him to Alaska. He hopes to have four pictures for the Fox Films on his return.

Fr. John Healy has written an article on "The Episcopacy" for the Encyclopedia Britannica.

#### DEATHS

July 10, Br. Alfred Ryan, in Tacoma.  
Jul. 15, Fr. Albert Belanger, in L. A.

Mother of Fr. Belanger.

Father of Fr. James Corbett.

On Saipan, Mr. Leonard's brother.

In Normandy, Fr. W. Murray's brother.

Mother of Fr. Donnelly.

Father of Mr. Saalfeld.